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Haunted Marmion: Scaring All Walks of Life

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On Thursday, Oct. 26, Saint Leo continued a spooky tradition that has been going on since the 1990s: Haunted Marmion.

The community event, hosted by Residence Life and helped by First Year Experience, included a plethora of activities. There was trick or treating in the halls of Snyder, an area for children run by FYE in the Lion's Den, a tour of a fire truck hosted by members of Pasco Fire Rescue, and three mad-house-themed haunted houses in Marmion. The haunted houses consisted of a scary Alice in Wonderland theme on the first floor, a clown-filled Mardi Gras on the second floor, and an insane asylum on the third floor.

The event started being planned last summer by Graduate Assistant Sabrina Schroeder. "This is my sixth year being a part of Haunted Marmion; there's a lot that goes on behind the scenes. Last year, about fifteen hundred hours [were put into planning and preparing for this event]. A lot of late nights," said Schroeder.

The entire event was made possible by the efforts of more than 150 volunteers. The organizations that volunteered were also quite varied. Some of the groups involved were the LEAD Scholars, the women's volleyball team, Greek Life, FYE, Residence Life, fellow students, Resident Assistants, and other staff at Saint Leo University.

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This year's theme for the Haunted Marmion was "Mad House." The asylum, one of multiple mad houses, is shown here.

"Any major event like this, you can't do unless you have the entire community. So, I always think these [events] are fun because [they show] Saint Leo's true core value of community," said Matt Battista, Director of First Year Experience.

The event was a huge success among members of the community. The affair was advertised at schools such as Pasco Elementary School, Rodney B. Cox Elementary School, Wesley Chapel Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Saint Leo University. Families from all around Pasco, San Antonio, and Dade City came and had a great time.

The volunteers were more than happy to help with the event.

"I am volunteering to help the kids have a good Halloween," said Kappa Sigma member, Corey Wilbur.

Something unique about Haunted Marmion was that it also accepted food donations.

Regarding the donations, Schroeder stated, "Initially, I am a substitute teacher. I work within the elementary schools a lot, and they do this thing on Fridays where they provide black bags full of canned goods and non-perishables for children who need it to take home to make sure they have food on the weekends. We also have these programs in Pasco County that feed those kids dinner. We're going to try to give our donations to the local schools in the area."

Although this will be Sabrina's last year planning Haunted Marmion, she has already thought of a theme for next year for those that she will be passing the torch to.

"Every year [Haunted Marmion] grows, especially over these past five years. I don't know exactly what inspired it, but I'm excited to keep it going [and] to be a part of it," said Schroeder.

The event was a big hit with community members as well as Saint Leo students. The beloved event proved once again to be the perfect way to kick off the Halloween holiday.

Steppin' Towards Greek Unity

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Greek Unity Week started on Monday, Oct. 23 and continued into Saturday, Oct. 28. There were a variety of events held during the week, one, in particular, being the UGC stepping educational event.

Here at Saint Leo, UGC stands for Unified Greek Council and is made up of organizations of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Each of the groups within UGC has their own strolls and step routines, which have been passed down through the generations.

"Stepping is an art form that African American based fraternities and sororities do; it started with just singing and chants from that organization. Later came the stepping because the organizations created a beat that went along with their chants," senior, multimedia management major, Mikael Coleman said, explaining how stepping originated.

Photo by Savannah Bendik

Each organization had a unique routine and an equally unique reason behind it.

Each organization has something they step and stroll for; these details were shared with audience members who were previously unaware of the groups' purpose.

"I didn't know they had like a distinct purpose and I thought that was really really awesome, that they all have something that they like purposefully stroll for and I think it's a really beautiful thing," said sophomore, business management and marketing major, Sarah Walterman.

UGC explained more about their hand signs, their letters, and their strolls. They explained how doing an organization's stroll or making their hand sign is very disrespectful; there are many do's and don'ts in regards to these unique aspects of UGC.

After giving the examples of what could be seen as disrespectful, the UGC members performed a stroll, which then would be learned by several Greeks in different organizations, not under UGC. They made an effort to include everyone which had positive reactions and added to the Greek Unity that was celebrated throughout the week.

"I love how they like involved everybody in dancing and teaching them," junior, hospitality management and international tourism major, Natalie Vasquez claimed.

This event was one that was definitely enjoyed by those that attended. It was also one that was exciting to plan and to watch be executed successfully.

"I think for the Unified Greek Council, what was really exciting for them was to be able to have a platform to talk about why they do the things that they do," Assistant Director of Greek Life & Community Engagement, Krystal Sanchez said.

There was a considerable amount of significance that this event had to offer. It showed how one council of Greeks followed traditions and displayed their passion for what they do. The event united the Greek families of Saint Leo as one, an important goal to achieve, especially during Greek Unity Week.

Editorial

Are Students Prepared for Life?

By Marie Umholtz
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The mentality of "I'll never use this," and the idea that general education or liberal arts studies are not useful are both wrong. They have intrinsic value, and people should know at least something about them. Aside from that, they also offer practice of honing soft skills, such as creative problem solving, analysis, and critical thinking, all of which can be applied to everything.

However, they have their place and so do hard skills. There is a wealth of general life skills that students may walk away without after their high school graduations.

"If you're one of the lucky ones, you might get to go to college. Believe it or not, more people do not have a bachelor's degree. But if you do, you might have had a public speaking class. And maybe, just maybe, an interpersonal communication class. But that's usually where it ends," stated communications professor Dr. Carol Morgan in the Huffington Post.

Morgan reported that employers highly value communication skills as a top priority and that she believes that most people do not have strong enough communications skills to listen effectively or to handle conflicts properly.

Aside from communication, she also believes that students are lacking in great learning experiences otherwise. "And what about cooking? Or sewing? Or building things? Or changing a tire? I know we used to have home economics classes and shop in schools, but I think that has been dwindling over the years. I know my kids have never taken any of those classes," said Morgan.

The school system does require some life skills courses. Some high schools require their students to take American government and economics, both of which are real-life subjects that teach about rights, governmental structure, and how to handle finances. Classes such as these also teach how to manage college expenses and strike out on one's own. Health and physical education, which illustrate critical aspects of taking care of oneself, are also required in some schools.

Another practical course, driver's education, is increasingly not offered at some high schools. While this may not be a major problem for many students, one cannot be sure that all students' families are willing or able to pay for driving lessons or give them the hands-on driving experience to practice at home while they have a permit.

Not having access to hands on experience could be problematic for students who do not have the public resources to learn such a useful and serious skill as driving. "Statewide, behind-the-wheel lessons are rare in public schools, with just nine entities offering them in 2012-13. Most were charter schools," stated Sarah Tully in the Orange County Register.

"Years ago, most districts canceled driver's ed classes, a victim of budget cuts or because of an increased emphasis on college-entrance requirements. A few now offer online classes," said Tully.

With such an emphasis on academic readiness for college, there is not enough preparation for actually applying to or life after college. Career skills, such as building a resume, writing a cover letter, and how to interview would be helpful when it is time to apply to colleges and jobs.

One of the best courses that teaches how to write a resume and cover letter offered at Saint Leo is actually an elective, Essential Business Skills. The course helps students realize how important it is to practice their skills before beginning a job search.

Perhaps a general senior-seminar course, covering the job search, college considerations, and application processes would be a beneficial resource for soon-to-be high school graduates as they embark on these things for the first time.

While college is the time to hone specific and focused skills and education tailored to careers, high school students should have the resources and basic knowledge to begin navigating college and adulthood before graduation. While important, there is more to education and preparation than just academic success.

Perhaps students would benefit from courses in building skills to prepare them for life in general, not only for further academic education.

Here's what you missed online this week at www.lionsprideonline.com

On October 30, Saint Leo observed a day for Saint Leo, students were able to receive T-Shirts and other paraphernalia throughout the day.

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While there are books and countless free online resources about searching for and applying to jobs, formal education may better equip students and ensure that they walk away with these skills upon graduation.

Campus News

Where Do They Go from Here?

By Kimberly Scott-Williams
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For many college students, life after Leo is filled with uncertainty or there is some plan for the future. Unlike the domestic students, international students often choose to go back to their home country, though some also decide to stay in America. Albeit the transition between student visa to work visa is not an easy one; it isn't a process that international students have to do alone.

Paige Ramsey-Hamacher, The Executive Director of Student Success, deals directly with international students as well as students who wish to go abroad. She stated that international students do have options after graduating from Saint Leo. They could either go to graduate school, return to their country, or apply for Optical Practical Training (OPT). She also explained that students who receive scholarships from their home country typically go back home and about 30-40 percent of the remaining international students apply for OPT through the university.

"OPT is the year of work permission which they can get to be able to remain employed in the United States within their major," Ramsey-Hamacher explained, before suggesting the option of "changing status."

To change status, typically one has an OPT and has already been employed by a company. If the company would like to hire you permanently, they have the option of filing for an H1B visa or another form of work visa. Sadly, this is a rare phenomenon as the employers must prove that no other US citizen will be able to do the job. However, sometimes these companies do sponsor their employee in obtaining permanent residency.

Ramsey-Hamacher, along with Carol Hope-Grant, The Assistant Director of Multicultural and International Services, assists with the OPT paperwork.

"Students have 90 days before they finish coursework the earliest before the paperwork can be submitted to USCIS [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services]. Students should probably be thinking four months out before coursework completion so they can start working on the paperwork before submitting it to Carol's and my office," Explained Ramsey–Hamacher.

Students on OPT are only legally allowed to be unemployed for 90 days out of the year. Volunteer work, full time and part time work all count within their field under the OPT. However, after the 12 months are up, what should they do? If students are in the science, technology, engineering, or math field, the OPT can be given an extension up to two years, though it must be recognized by the government.

Makito Hoshino, a Japanese, sophomore, Global Studies student isn't sure about his future, but he hopes to apply for OPT and work in America before eventually returning to Japan.

"It would be nice if I could work in the United States for several years to get experience, then go back and use my experience in Japan," he said.

He also explained that most of the Japanese that he has met in the U.S. plan to go home, even though, in Japan, the work system usually means "black market." The term black market suggests that the work hours are much lengthier than those in the American workday. Regardless, his love for his country makes him want to stay and use the knowledge gained from the U.S. in Japan.

Yvan Lafortune, an Economics and Business Management major, and sophomore from Haiti, hopes to be employed in a field along the lines of Economics or Human Resource Management.

"I plan on at least staying for one or two years, and then go back to my country," Lafortune clarified.

Lafortune included that he plans on obtaining his Master's Degree and with hopes of gaining experience from working after applying for the OPT. Utilizing his passion, he plans on returning home to make a difference.

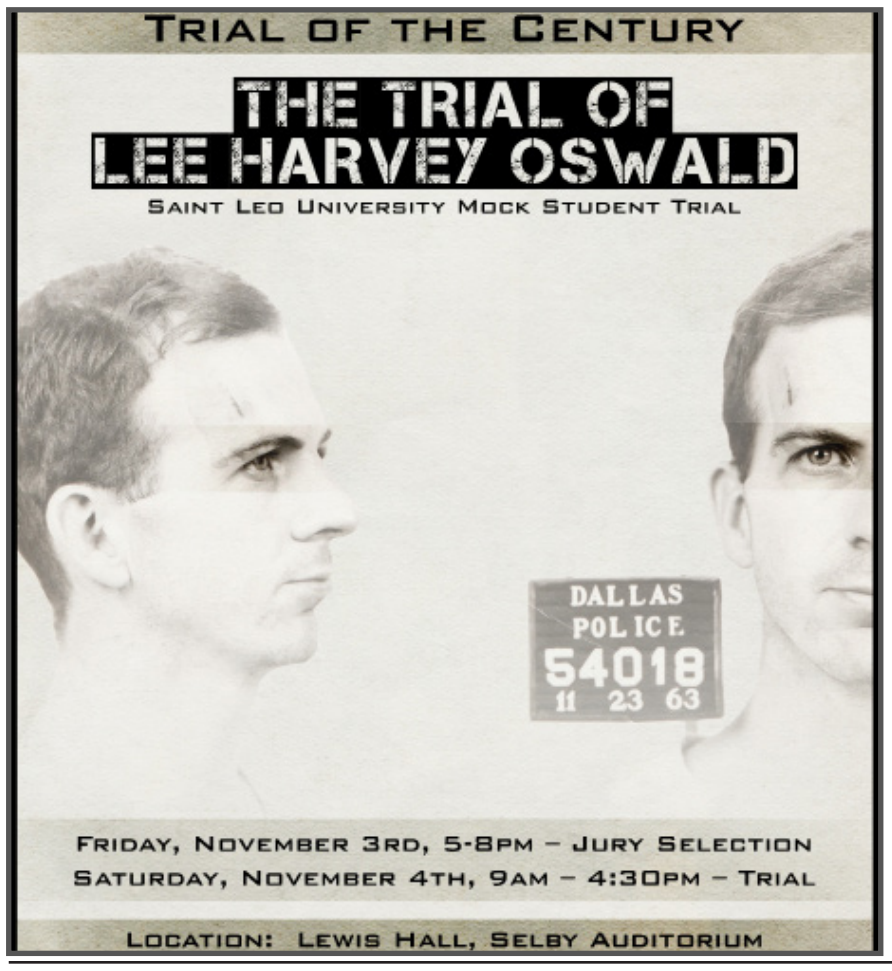
"Although the US is great and I'm happy to be studying here, home holds a special place in my heart," Lafortune said. "Haiti could definitely use my skills to usher the country into a new vision and bring a little order into the Economic/Management chaos."

The office of Multicultural and International Services will be hosting "Life after Leo" on Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. where they will advise international students about what comes next after graduating. At 4 p.m. on the same day, they will be having Maney and Gordon, a law firm in Tampa, that specializes in international law, who will discuss options for international students after graduation.

Students who receive government scholarships have to return back home, as an agreement between the government and student, to improve the country.

Photos by Kimberly Scott-Williams

Paige Ramsey-Hamacher, Executive Director for student Success, not only advises International students, but students who wish to study abroad.



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The Catalonian Fallout

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The scene outside the Catalonian government headquarters in Barcelona was electric with energy and hope as the voting results came in. The crowd erupted in applause and cheers when independence was announced.

Nearly a month has passed since the semi-autonomous region of Catalonia held a referendum for independence from Spain and tensions only continue to rise. Brutal police crackdowns, including the merciless beating of protestors by Spanish police and the seizing of ballot boxes, ensued on Oct. 1 during an independence referendum vote. The people of Catalonia, especially the representative body of the region, have demanded unilateral independence from Spain. The Spanish government responded with threats to dissolve the semi-autonomous government of Catalonia, shut down the media of the region, and even conduct paramilitary operations to regain complete control, according to the BBC.

On Oct. 27th, the majority of Catalonia's parliament voted for independence, with Catalonia's president declaring the independence of the Catalan Republic. That same day, the Spanish central government invoked Article 155 of the Spanish constitution, stating that the central government has the right to dissolve the semi-autonomous status of Catalonia and assume direct control over the region.

Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy also called for the president of Catalonia as well as those parliament members, who voted in favor of independence, to be charged with treason against the nation. Rajoy also called for a new election of the Catalan parliament, set to take place on the 21st of Dec. this year, according to the BBC.

Also, according to the BBC, Catalonia now constitutes 16 percent of the entire population of Spain, conducts and facilitates over a quarter of all Spanish exports, and produces goods equaling nearly 20 percent of the entire Spanish GDP. On the other hand, Catalonia's tax payments to Madrid add up to one-fifth of all tax revenue collected by the central government despite only 14 percent of the public works budget going to the region. This is one key reason why many Catalonians seek independence; they feel cheated in an unfair deal with the Spanish government, paying more into the system than what they get back.

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Prime Minister Rajoy of the Spanish government, spoke to the nation on Oct. 27 expressing the necessity to remain calm amidst what is being called a constitutional crisis, whilst outlining what is to be done with the rebellious state of Catalonia.

The economic wealth of the region is seen as a necessity to the recovering economy of Spain after the 2008 financial collapse, and thus it becomes obvious why the government based in Madrid will stop at nothing to retain control of Catalonia.

The Spanish government and other autonomous regions, such as Galicia, Navarre, and Valencia, also argue that all of Spain came together and wrote the 1978 constitution as a united whole and that Catalonia sparking a constitutional crisis by leaving the country is a metaphorical knife in the back to not only Madrid and the central government, but to all Spanish people, stated by Rajoy according to the BBC.

Over half of the population of Catalonia also evidently feels this way as well to some degree, as a poll conducted earlier this year polled 49 percent against Catalonian independence, with 10 percent of the people unsure of what they want, according to the BBC.

Many opponents of independence also cite the economic ramifications the move will bring to the region. Businesses rightly like certainty and stability. Economists at Business Insider claim that with Catalonia and Spain as a whole entering a state of flux, many private companies will halt investment or even pull out of Catalonia altogether. By leaving Spain, Catalonia will also be effectively leaving the European Union. Spain is a major member of the organization, meaning utilizing the single-market nature of the European Union, in addition to freely using the currency of the organization, may be in jeopardy for Catalonia, a risk many in the region don't want to take.

If Catalonia truly wants to retain their estimated short-lived independence, they're going to need two important things: recognition and firepower. Other nation around the world recognizing the young nation will no doubt bring legitimacy to the government of Catalonia; however, no major independent nation has done so. Only the semi-autonomous nation of Scotland has recognized their independence, which is under the control of the United Kingdom. The UK itself has remained silent on Spanish internal affairs.

Major EU nations, like France, Germany, and the central government in Brussels, Belgium, have expressed their support for Spain, stressing unity and cohesion within the Union. The European Commission Chief, Jean-Claude Junker, stated that the EU "doesn't need any more cracks,

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more splits," most likely in reference to the UK leaving the Union late last year, the BBC reported.

Catalonia needs firepower, what was meaning the new nation requires a military to defend its borders against Spain if it decides to recapture the region by force. Catalonia, as of today, only supports a small paramilitary force, which is connected to the state's police force; therefore, boasting no military whatsoever, according to "Express", a primarily English news source.

It would seem, then, that Catalonia's independence will short-lived as Spain as well as the EU will seek Catalonia's demise for the sake of stability, justice, and lawfulness. Catalonia's president, Carles Puigdemont, has expressed that the people "maintain the momentum" and stand fast in the face of Spain's aggression, according to the BBC. Time will tell whether this fledgling republic will survive on the world stage, but the future is not looking very bright.

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The region of Catalonia controls an area of over 12,000 square miles, making it about the same size as the state of Maryland. It's capital is the city of Barcelona, the metropolis boasting a population of 1.6 million people.

Catalonia's Turbulent History

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In order to understand the situation in Spain, it's important for one to know what Catalonia is and who it's people are, what they have endured under Spanish rule for centuries, and why they are demanding independence from an objectively modern, secular, and advanced western power.

Historical research conducted by Joan Costa Carreras, Alan Yates, Pompeu Fabra, John H. Elliot, Paul Preston, who are just a fraction of the researchers who have evidence and knowledge of the region, have been studying and writing books about Catalonia for decades. The following information is conclusive research and evidence conducted by these historians.

Catalonia, as it exists today, is a semi-autonomous region of the Kingdom of Spain, meaning they have their own representative body elected by the people (like the United States Congress) with a president, but are still under the control of the central government of Spain in Madrid. They have their own language, a blend of Latin, Spanish, and French, called Catalan.

Historians claim the region has exchanged hands between various European powers for centuries, including the Roman Empire, France, Al-Andalus (the Muslim kingdom situated in what is now Spain), and Spain itself, to name a few. For a little while, it was also an independent country, named the Kingdom of Aragon, which expanded its influence across the Mediterranean, even going so far as to capturing southern Italy and the islands of Sardinia and Corsica. During its brief period as an independent kingdom, Catalonia experienced an intense cultural explosion with songs, books, and prose being written by Catalans, resulting in a strong Catalan culture and language.

Eventually, the King of Aragon, the famous Ferdinand II, married the Queen of the neighboring country of Castile, the also famous Isabella, joining the two crowns together to create the Kingdom of Spain. Together, they helped fund Columbus' journeys to the Americas and established a colonial empire based on their conquests in the New World of North and South America. Despite being an equal partner of two in creating the modern nation of Spain, the Catalan people and the region as a whole began to lose a series of wars after failed revolts. They were in opposition to the Spanish crown after subsequent Spanish kings continued to centralize their power, creating an absolute monarchy, leaving the other regions of Spain, including Catalonia, with virtually no power at all.

Subsequent wars and conflicts only continued to strip Catalonia of power and autonomy until eventually Francisco Franco and his fascist policies, after winning against the government of Spain in the Spanish Civil War of 1936 to 1939, instituted brutal, immoral, and devastating reforms across all of Spain. Franco insisted on linguistic unity, meaning the Spanish language should be the only one spoken in Spain, resulting in the Catalan language became outlawed. Additionally, future demonstrations of Catalan nationalism among other things, including meeting together to discuss Catalonia, forming opposition parties to the Fascist government, as well as simply publishing books or articles about Catalonia, became outlawed.

After Franco's death in 1975, the many regions of Spain came together to form a new constitution for the new Kingdom of Spain. Catalonia, among other regions, regained a large degree of autonomy, eventually being granted the right to have their own elected body and president.

Catalonia's flag has a different design from Spain's to represent the countries' distinction from one another.

Arts & Entertainment

Move Over Annabelle, Chucky's Back!

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The first and most well-known killer doll is back, and this time he's bringing some friends. "Cult of Chucky," directed by Don Mancini, continues the story from the last movie in the franchise, "Curse of Chucky." But is it a worthy addition to the franchise or is it a bomb? Going through the maniacal laughs and the many kills that take place in the film, we can look and see what Chucky has in store for the audience.

The story takes place after the "Curse of Chucky's" end credits scene, where Andy Barclay (Alex Vincent) shoots Chucky (Brad Dourif) in the head. He is keeping the battered, shot, and very much alive, head of Chucky. The film then cuts to Nica (Fiona Dourif), from the previous movie as well, who has been in a mental institution for four years for the accused murder of multiple family members and friends. After years of intense therapy, she has been granted permission to move into a medium security mental institution.

Once at the new institution, she meets a bunch of weird and mentally insane individuals who feel wary of her due to their belief that she was responsible for the murders of her family. Nica is then called into the head office to meet the stepmother who took care of Nica's niece, Tiffany (Jennifer Tilly). It is obvious to fans of the franchise that this woman is the girlfriend/bride of Chucky; the presumption quickly shows as she tells Nica her niece has died, but that she left one present for her Aunt, a Chucky doll. Nica is taken aback by the news and expresses that she wants nothing to do with the doll.

She soon comes to find that the doll is possessed by Chucky as he begins a killing spree and instead of killing Nica, frames her with every murder to make her look guilty. Cutting back to Andy, he is confused after reading a headline about some of the killings going on at the mental institution and how it could relate to the Chucky doll. He wonders how there can be two Chucky's at the same time, seeing as he has the original still alive. He loads up and heads for the institution to save Nica from the other Chucky. Now it's a race against time to rescue Nica before Chucky finishes off everyone in the institution and focuses on killing her.

The comedy in this film is well balanced and excellent, with Chucky having some hilarious lines, while still being threatening. The effects in the movie are also pleasant, as they go back to the roots of the franchise and use more practical ones. The way they go about some of the kills is also good, some even very artistic. For example, one death was by a skylight of glass breaking and decapitating an individual while snow fell on their body from the outside.

Brad Dourif does a fantastic job at bringing the doll's character to life. The same goes for Andy Barclay, as he does an excellent job at playing a screwed up adult Andy who has gone through so much throughout the franchise. Jennifer Tilly is also a charm, even with the small amount of screen time she gets, she relishes in playing the messed up and sexy Tiffany.

While this movie has a lot of great things going for it, there are some issues with the continuity of the film. As seen in the story, it cuts back and forth between Andy and Nica, which can be confusing and random at times. Another issue is the lack of screen time and usage of Andy's character. While it does make fans happy to see the return of the formerly targeted victim from the first three films, Andy gets very little screen time. It is a letdown that he didn't play a significant part in the film; it felt like he was shoehorned in at the last second.

Altogether, "Cult of Chucky" as a slasher film has a lot going for it and has a fresh twist at the end that makes it worth seeing. This movie is perfect for fans of the franchise who are ready to see Chucky back in action.

Movie Review Score:
4 out of 5 Paws

The seventh in the Child's Play series was more fun than expected and delivers some full-sized scares.

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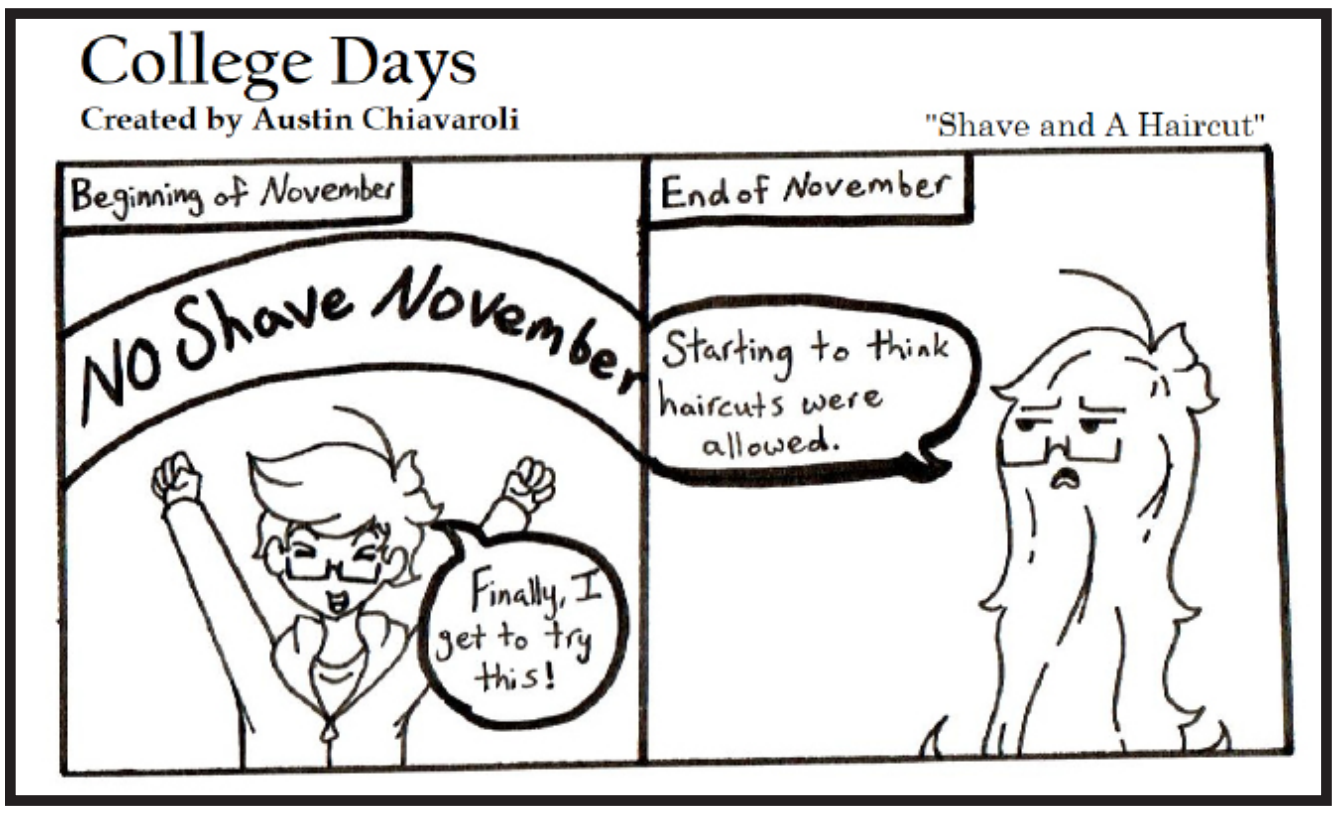
Jennifer Tilly as well as many other characters from past Chucky franchise movies returned.



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Halloween Horror Nights

Location: 6000 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819

Dates: 9/15/17-11/4/17

Price: $59.99+

Scream-A-Geddon

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Dates: 9/22/17-11/4/17 (Select Nights)

Price: $19.95+

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"The Evil Within 2" Scares its Way Onto Shelves

By Travis Farmer
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"The Evil Within 2," the latest horror game and sequel to the 2014 video game "The Evil Within," was developed by Tango Gameworks and published by Bethesda Softworks.

The original "Evil Within" was highly anticipated among horror game fans before its release. The game was developed by veteran horror developer Shinji Mikami, who has created some of the greatest horror games on the market. For example, Mikami established the "Resident Evil" franchise, and directed "Resident Evil 1," "Resident Evil 4," and "Resident Evil Remake;" this prestige created much hype around the game, especially among horror fans.

The game follows Sebastian Castellanos, a detective with a troubled past that involved him losing his daughter, as he investigates a mass murder in an asylum. As he examines the crime, he and his partners eventually get pulled into an unreal, dream-like world, which is ultimately revealed to be the result of a machine that allows multiple people to enter a one-person mind, called the STEM. The device is used by the antagonist, Ruvik, to reshape reality within his mind-world in an attempt to find a host to release him out into the real world. After Sebastian defeats Ruvik, he escapes from the STEM and sees Leslie, Ruvik's intended host, walking away. In post-release downloadable content, it is revealed that one of Sebastian's partners, Juli Kidman, was working for Mobius, a mysterious corporation that was behind the events of the game.

"The Evil Within 1" was evaluated as mediocre by critics, and received negatively by fans. The game had a confusing story with numerous amounts of stolen content from other games in the genre, such as "Resident Evil 4's" chainsaw enemy and "Silent Hill's" air-raid siren that signals a transition. The game also had mediocre gameplay, with too much emphasized on a particular weapon that players did not like, as well as a final boss that was merely a cinematic movie that played.

Perhaps the most significant issue with "The Evil Within," however, was the massive amounts of bugs and glitches the game had at launch. For one group of Youtube personalities who played through the game on video, the game crashed four times while they were playing on PC, and then twice more when they switched to playing it on the PlayStation 4. In a world where "Resident Evil 4" is the mark for what a third person survival horror game should be, "The Evil Within 1" did not bring enough new content to the table, and ended up just coming off as a clone.

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"The Evil Within 2" exemplifies how well-developed games can make the best horror stories.

Despite the mediocrity of the first game, "The Evil Within 2" was still green lit and was announced at Bethesda's E3 conference center stage, with a new director. Shinji Mikami stepped back as director and instead supervised the development of the game. The game's announcement was accompanied by a five-minute trailer that looked quite promising which outlined the plot of the game revolving around the evil corporation, Mobius, from its predecessor, and Sebastian's daughter being alive.

The game centers around Sebastian having to go back into the STEM system to save his daughter and answer questions regarding Mobius, such as why they kidnapped his daughter or where his wife disappeared to.

"The Evil Within 2" takes several of the complaints of the original game and fixes them. One example is that "The Evil Within 1" was too linear, with levels too sectioned off and as a result ruining the pacing of the game. In response, "The Evil Within 2" has a semi-open world game, with backtracking and puzzle solving that is very reminiscent of Mikami's earlier "Resident Evil" works. The game also expands upon the lackluster crafting system that was in the first game, leading to more customization of your character and his abilities. Perhaps the largest improvement since the first game is the graphics, while the original "Evil Within" did not have poor graphics per say, they were not inventive or particularly exciting to look at. In response, the second game has a defined and captivating art style with even more interesting enemy designs.

Like the first game, "The Evil Within 2" is very similar to "Resident Evil 4." It is an over the shoulder, third person, survival, horror game with some puzzles and limited ammunition for your firearms, causing you to pick your shots and your fights wisely. However, both games in "The Evil Within" series are very combat oriented; they have less of a focus on the survival and scrounging aspect and more of an emphasis on combat and action, much like the later games in the Resident Evil series.

In conclusion, "The Evil Within 2" is a slightly better attempt at recreating the magic Shinji Mikami captured with "Resident Evil 4." While it still misses the mark and still lacks much originality, "The Evil Within 2" is a decent game to enter into the genre.

Game Review Score:
3.5 out of 5 Paws

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In "The Evil Within 2," players can create diversions from shock or smoke bolts from their crossbows.

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Fun Facts on Daylight Savings Time

-Once proposed by Benjamin Franklin to modify sleep schedules.
-Proposed to conserve energy.
-George Hudson (New Zealand) modernized daylight savings time as a way to go bug hunting in the summer.
- Parts of the State of Arizona does not observe Daylight Savings Time.

Sports

Getting the Headache Out of Sports

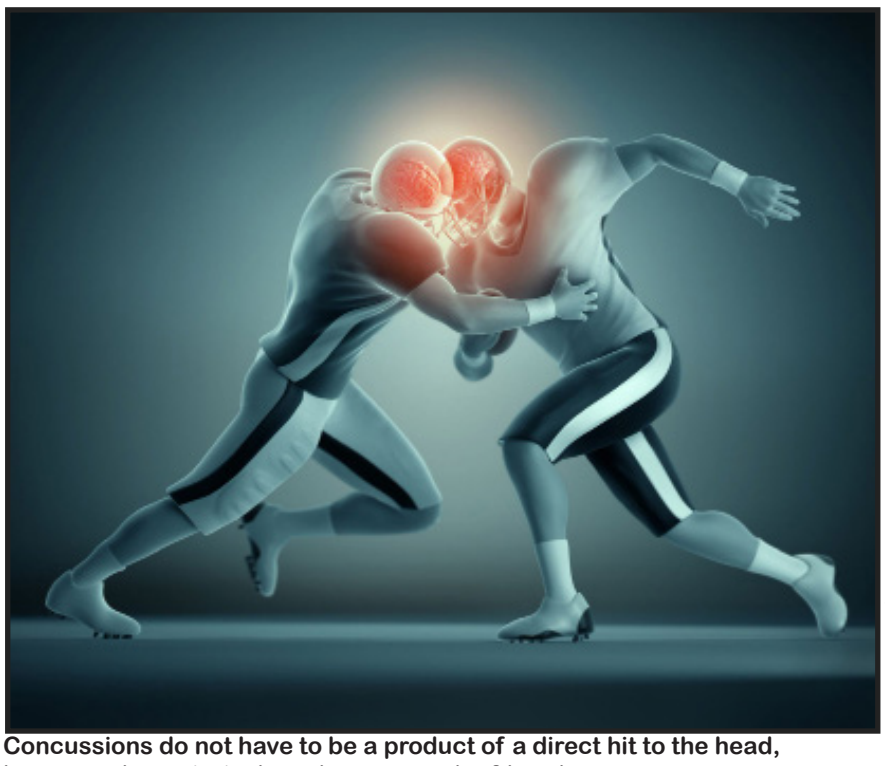
By Vincent Pensabene
Sports Editor

The world has entered into a concussion awareness era, even though there is still valuable information that is unknown about these injuries.

According to Syracuse Arts Academy administrative procedures for concussion and head injuries, a concussion is defined as "a type of traumatic brain injury that interferes with normal function of the brain. It occurs when the brain is rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body." These injuries have become common in contact sports, but can also happen in everyday life.

"All concussions are serious and the worst thing anyone can do is lie about their symptoms and try to return to play too quickly. A second concussion that occurs before the first one has resolved is very serious," said Barbara Wilson, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine at Saint Leo University.

When most people think of concussions in sports, they think of football; however, at Saint Leo University, the sport with the most concussions is Women's Soccer. The concussion does not only affect the player on the field, but off of it as well. Diagnosing the concussion is the most important part because if it is not treated, there can be serious long-term health issues.



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Concussions do not have to be a product of a direct hit to the head, however, the majority have been a result of head trauma.

"Saint Leo uses two different baseline tests to see if an athlete is symptom-free, the first is IMPACT- a computer evaluation that measures cognitive ability and reaction time. The other is SWAY- an app that tests for balance and reaction time. If we suspect a concussion, we use SWAY as a re-evaluation and the SCAT 5 to evaluate," added Wilson.

Saint Leo does all that it can do to help students that suffer from concussions, however, there are many other tests available that could tell if the brain is healed that should be taken advantage of. Joel Knickerbock, PT owns Pasco Rehabilitation and has technology that could tell if a person is still suffering from a concussion and if a player is ready to return to the field.

With current concussion tests mainly dealing with physical conditions, the CTSIB takes it a step further with balance.The Clinical Test of Sensory Integration of Balance (CTSIB) Test is a simple test that people go through to measure their balance.The test consists of four trials that last 30 seconds each and measures the amount of sway your body has throughout those 30 seconds.

Upcoming Games Week Ending 11/3/17 - 11/9/17

Swimming M/W
11/3- @ Rollins 4:00 p.m.

Cross Country M/W
11/4- NCAA South Regional XC Championship (Lakeland, Fla)

Men's Basketball
11/3- Point Loma Nazarene (Orange County, CA) 4:30 p.m.
11/4-@ Humboldt State (Orange County, CA) 2:15 p.m.
11/5- vs Concordia (Orange County, CA) 8:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball
11/4- vs Trinity College 7:30p.m.

Women's Volleyball
11/3- vs Nova Southeastern 7:00 p.m.
11/4- vs Barry 4:00 p.m.
11/7- vs Eckerd 7:00 p.m.
11/9- @ Lynn 7:00 p.m.

Fantasy Football Sleeper Picks Week 9

By Collin Moran
Sports Editor

The NFL season is reaching its halfway point, and Fantasy Football playoffs are coming up quick. Now is the time in the season when the matchups are crucial to win since most fantasy leagues start playoffs during Week 14 of the season. There are six teams on a bye this weekend, and that will leave owners scrambling to find replacements to slot into lineups. Here is a list of some of the top sleeper picks for this weekend, many of which can be solid bye week fill-ins for star players.

Derrick Henry, RB Tennessee Titans:

It is only a matter of time before the sophomore running back takes over the starting role from the aging Demarco Murray. The two runners have split the carries pretty closely with Murray receiving 86 this season and Henry receiving 75. The former Heisman trophy winner is just one game removed from a 131-yard rushing performance against the Colts and can easily steal the lead role at any moment. Henry has produced 4.4 yards per carry which is only slightly better than Murray's 4.3, but the former has a much higher upside and seems to be the Titans' go-to option when they want to control the clock with the run game. This Sunday, Tennessee will face off against the Baltimore Ravens who have one of the worst run defenses in the league, currently allowing 132 rushing yards per game. The Ravens have an offense who will have a tough time putting up points allowing the Titans to run the ball for the majority of the game. With the expected game-flow, Henry could be called upon to touch the ball close to 20 times, making him a solid flex option with RB2 upside this weekend.

Sammy Watkins, WR Los Angeles Rams:

The former number four overall pick has fallen off of fantasy radars since his big Week 3 game against the 49ers. Since that week's matchup, Watkins has only had five catches for 70 yards and no scores. Players like Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp have emerged as more reliable contributors in the Rams' passing attack, but Watkins still has the best playmaking ability of the three. This week they play the Giants who have allowed 14 passing touchdowns this season compared to only two on the ground. Todd Gurley has been the center of the offense so far this season, but with New York's ability to keep opposing running backs out of the end-zone, other players are going to be relied upon to score. Watkins represents the best touchdown threat for quarterback Jared Goff, and he may be given multiple looks in the end-zone this weekend. Put the talented wide receiver into lineups as a low-end flex option with the possibility of producing WR2 numbers.

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Derrick Henry will look to have a solid game against the Ravens who allowed 132 rushing yards per game this season.

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